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AT 8.15 P. M.

1939

THE STORY

ACT I introduces the leading characters on deck of "H. M. S. Pinafore," in the harbor of Portsmouth. Little Buttercup, a bumboat woman, comes on board, and has an interview with Dick Deadeye, the villian of the story, and Ralph Rackstraw, the hero who is in love with Josephine, Captain Corcoran's daughter. The Captain enters in melancholy mood, because his daughter is indifferent to Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., who intends asking her that afternoon for her hand in marriage. Josephine confesses to her father that she loves a common sailor, but will never reveal it to him this side of the grave. Sir Joseph comes on board, attended by his sisters, his cousins, and his aunts, who sing his praises. His subsequent interview with the Captain and Josephine is fruitless for she declares she cannot love him. A little later Ralph declares his love for her, and when she rejects him, he draws a pistol and threatens to shoot himself; so she confesses her love, and they plan to steal ashore at night and be married. However, Dick Deadeye overhears the plot and resolves to thwart it.

ACT II shows the deck at night where Captain Corcoran sadly complains to the moon because everything is "at sixes and sevens." Little Buttercup sympathizes with him, but he declines her affection and says he can be only her friend. Enraged at this she warns him that an unwelcome change is in store for him. Now Sir Joseph enters and expresses his disappointment over Josephine's refusal, and the Captain strives to reassure him. Thus encouraged, Sir Joseph again appeals to Josephine with the sole result that he but strengthens his rival's cause. Now Dick Deadeye reveals to Sir Joseph and the Captain the plot for an elopement that night, and the Captain confronts the lovers as they are stealthily leaving the vessel; whereupon Ralph declares his love and is promptly ordered by the Captain to imprisonment in the ship's dungeon. While the Captain is later remonstrating with his daughter, Little Buttercup reveals a baleful secret. Years before she had practiced "baby-farming" and was nursing two babies, one of lowly birth, and the other of high degree. She "mixed those children up," although the well-born babe was Ralph, the Captain was the other. Sir Joseph orders the two before him, gives Ralph the command of "H. M. S. Pinafore," and reduces Corcoran to Ralph's places as a common sailor. As his marriage with Josephine is now impossible, Sir Joseph bestows her hand upon Ralph, while Captain Corcoran, now a common seaman, unites his fortunes with those of Little Buttercup.

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H.M.S. PINAFORE

— OR —

THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR

BOOK BY W. S. GILBERT **MUSIC BY ARTHUR SULLIVAN**

Characters

SIR JOSEPH PORTER.....Walter Shorday
CAPTAIN CORCORAN.....Samuel Tucker
RALPH RACKSTRAW.....William Craig
DICK DEADEYE.....Charles Haase
BILL BOBSTAY.....Arthur Wells
BOB BECKET.....Edwin Kroeker
TOM TUCKER.....Harold Goodwin, Jr.
JOSEPHINE.....Helen Lee
HEBE.....Edith Kroeker
LITTLE BUTTERCUP.....Ida Haase

Chorus of Sisters, Cousins, Aunts and Sailors

Wesley Conn
Ralph Cornell
Johnson Glavis
George Goodwin
Harold Goodwin
Daniel Lauria
Raymond Moore
Harry O'Connor
Edward Potts
Robert Shaw
Ian Somerville
Norman Tempest
Stephen Trimble
Doris Ashworth
Marjorie Dunstan
Anne Getz
Myrtle Goodwin
Mildred Hersch
Laura Wright
Elizabeth Hingston
Doris Hunt
Gertrude Kratz
Augusta Lacy
Jean Smith
Ruth Sollenberger
Elizabeth Teal
Emily Urban
Ann Wells

Directed by — ELSIE TUCKER
Stage Director — WALTER SHORDAY

Members of the Orchestra:

Edgar Boyer
Nicholas Frisch
Paul Nuse
William Breuer
Vernon Watson
James Rettew
Carl Tucker

Costumes

Imogene Tempest, with the assistance of members and friends of the cast

Hats by — Ida Haase

Scenery — Designed and executed by Casimir I. Geibel

In addition to the above mentioned the cast gratefully acknowledges the help of many persons who have contributed time and effort most generously toward the success of these performances.

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